

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments and the amendments above.

The rejection of Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended Claim 17 as kindly suggested by the Examiner to replace the objected to term with the term "optionally." In view of the present amendment, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Acknowledgement that this ground of rejection has been withdrawn is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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